

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Meeting of Old Board.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in their office in Arcadia January 4th, A. D. 1915. Members present were: J. D. Surrency, chairman; H. J. Downing, John Hagan, D. L. Skipper and W. G. Welles. Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

The following business was transacted, to-wit:

Upon motion duly seconded and carried, it is ordered that the County Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to forward on the 10th day of January, 1915, to Mr. P. W. McAdow, of Punta Gorda, Florida, the remaining twelve (12) bonds, numbered Nos. 13 to 24 inclusive, of the Punta Gorda Drainage District of DeSoto County, Florida, with a draft attached for \$5,980.00.

Purchase price of 12 bonds at \$475.00 \$5,700.00
Accrued interest on \$6,000, April 1, 1914, to January 10, 1915 280.00
\$5,980.00

It is further ordered that the County Treasurer shall at once notify the clerk of this board of the receipt by him of said \$5,980.00, and that the clerk will thereupon return to Mr. P. W. McAdow his certified check for \$2,000.00, at present held by this board as evidence of good faith to complete the agreement of purchasing the above bond issue.

Bond of H. G. McAdow, County Tax Assessor, with S. B. Roberts and C. A. Skipper as sureties, was approved.

Bond of Harry R. Driggers as Bond Trustee for the Punta Gorda Special Road and Bridge District, with United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company, of Maryland, as surety, was duly approved by this board. Harry R. Driggers succeeds D. G. McCormick as one of the Bond Trustees for said district.

The board received the report of State Auditor of his audit of the books and accounts of DeSoto county, and ordered the same published as required by law.

V. W. SURRENCY, Chairman.

Attest: A. L. Durranee, Clerk.

Meeting of New Board.

The new Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in their office in the court house, Arcadia, Fla., January 5th, A. D. 1915.

The board was called to order by the clerk, and said board proceeded to organize by electing unanimously L. W. Whitehurst as their chairman. Mr. Whitehurst then took his chair and appointed the following committees to serve for the year, to-wit:

Finance committee, John Hagan and D. L. Skipper.

Committee on bonds, W. G. Welles and W. M. Whitten.

Mayor Freeman and Judge Bell appeared before the board, asking for an extension of time to remove city prisoners from the county jail. Upon motion the city was allowed ninety days' extension of time in which to prepare for the care and detention of city prisoners.

This board acknowledges the receipt of a resolution passed by the Board of County Commissioners, asking that this board remit at once warrant drawn payable to the Converse Bridge and Steel Company, for the erection of a bridge across Caloosahatchee river.

It was moved and carried that said warrant be not drawn until said bridge is completed and accepted by a joint committee composed of Lee and DeSoto county boards, and that until Lee county constructs road from said bridge to DeSoto county line, as per agreement with this board.

A resolution was received from the Civic League of the city of Arcadia, asking for the removal of the convict camp from the court house square. Major Welles informed the board that said camp would be moved immediately.

It was moved and carried that Major Welles be authorized to sell the old fence which formerly enclosed the court house square at fifteen cents per foot.

Deputy sheriff's bond of H. B. Crosby, with L. O. Fagan and R. L. Harrison as sureties, was accepted and approved by this board.

Deputy sheriff's bond of F. S. Rhodes, with W. H. Seward and Jake Wey as sureties, was accepted and approved.

Bond for justice of the peace of H. C. Brown, with J. B. Brown and J. H. Lopp as sureties, was approved by this board.

Constable's bond of W. B. Zachary, with R. E. Raulerson and J. P. Brantley as sureties, was duly approved.

Notary bond of L. N. Townsend, with W. D. Scott and C. P. Pillons as sureties, was duly approved.

Bond for notary public of James L. Glasco, with United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company of Maryland, as surety, was presented to the board and same duly approved.

Upon petition submitted to the board asking for the granting of a public road beginning at the southeast corner of section 23, township 33 south, range 25 east, and running due north two miles to intersect with Bowling Green and Crewsfield road. The old road in this locality is hereby discontinued.

It was moved and carried that the board in a body visit the county's land near Punta Gorda, with a view of establishing a county poor farm.

Application of J. E. Bowdoin for the position of superintendent of said poor farm, provided same was established, was duly received and filed for future consideration.

The time having arrived for the receiving and opening of bids for county attorney, bids were filed by Leitner & Leitner and Brown & Jones.

Leitner & Leitner made the following bid:

January 4, 1915.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, DeSoto County, Florida.

Gentlemen: We notice from the pa-

per that your body desires an attorney for the year 1915, and we take pleasure in offering our bid as follows:

We will represent your body in an advisory manner for a fee of \$25.00 per month, and prosecute all cases before the county judge for a fee of \$5.00 for each conviction.

If there are any suits to be prosecuted or suits to be defended, we will especially agree upon a price, and if no price is agreed upon, and no other arrangements made, we will represent the county without further charge.

If we are given this work we assure you of our appreciation by giving the business our close, personal attention. Thanking you for a fair consideration, we are, very truly yours,

LEITNER & LEITNER.

Brown & Jones made the following bid:

Arcadia, Fla., Jan. 4, 1915.
To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners in and for DeSoto County, Florida.

Gentlemen: In response to your request that we submit proposition detailing the basis upon which we will represent your honorable body as county attorneys for the year 1915, we desire to submit the following proposal:

We will be personally present in attendance of all meetings of the Board of County Commissioners, advising them on all matters coming before them; will represent the county in all litigation in which it may be a party or interested, or in which the Board of County Commissioners may be a party or interested; will attend preliminary hearings held by the County Judge and will prosecute all criminal cases in the County Judge's court;

Provided and upon consideration that we are named County Attorneys for the year 1915, and that you pay us the sum of five dollars for each conviction in the County Judge's Court, the same to be in full payment and consideration for our services, as aforesaid.

BROWN & JONES, Attorneys.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, Brown & Jones were duly elected to serve the county for the ensuing year in the capacity of county attorney.

The time having arrived for receiving bids for a 1,000 feet of culvert material, the following firms submitted bids, to-wit: Florida Metal Products Company, Dixie Culvert and Metal Company, Harry Bros. Co., of Louisiana, Birmingham Metal Products Co., and Southern Pipe and Culvert Company.

Upon consideration it was moved and carried that the bid of the Birmingham Metal Products Company be and the same is hereby accepted.

It was moved and seconded that Jim Osteen be leased or hired to A. Yancey Teachey for the remainder of his term of sentence for the sum of \$50.

Bids were received for the removal of the old clerk's office by W. F. Britt and S. F. Brengle. Upon consideration all bids were rejected.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the county attorney be and he is hereby instructed to validate the election for bonds for the special road and bridge district No. 1, as required by law.

It was moved and carried that Joe Carver be and he is leased to W. L. Carlton for the remainder of his term at the rate of ten dollars per month.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. J. S. Tillis and children be added to the pauper list at \$10 per month.

Moved, that the plans, profiles and specifications and estimates of roads and bridges in Punta Gorda Special Road and Bridge District, presented to this board by the county highway engineer, be received. That the same be referred to a special committee, consisting of the bond trustees of said district, together with the county engineer and the commissioner of District No. 3. That the engineer be directed to make such further surveys and examinations of drainage outlets and otherwise, and such changes in said plans, profiles and specifications, if any, as shall be desired by said committee.

That as soon as practicable after said committee shall notify the chairman of this board that said plans, specifications and profiles are satisfactory, said chairman is hereby requested to call an extra session of this board to consider the same.

Claim for pension of Mrs. Frances Cole was presented to the board, and same duly approved.

It was moved and carried that each county commissioner have a copy of the recapitulation of the financial statement, and that B. Vance is hereby authorized to prepare same.

Upon motion duly made and carried the Enterprise is hereby selected as the official newspaper of this board.

It was moved and carried that H. M. Whitten be and he is hereby authorized to dig a ditch running east and west, approximately 2,000 feet in length, across the county's land near Punta Gorda. Said ditch to be dug at 25 cents per cubic yard. Said ditch to be dug under the supervision of William M. Whitten, commissioner from District No. 3, and one third cost of digging said ditch to be paid by commissioner of District No. 3.

The comptroller is hereby requested to allow W. E. Dumwoody to redeem at face value without interest all outstanding certificates against the south half of section 31, and southwest quarter of section 33, in township 39 south, range 25 east.

Whereas, It has come to the notice of the Board of County Commissioners in and for DeSoto county, Florida, that Horace L. Carlton was heretofore duly elected, commissioned and served for the past two years as County Treasurer in and for DeSoto county, Florida, and,

Whereas, The said Horace L. Carlton's name was duly certified as the democratic nominee for the office of County Treasurer during the last past year; and,

Whereas, Inadvertently or by oversight his name was omitted from the ballot voted upon in the general election held in November, 1914; and

Whereas, No one has been elected at said general election to succeed the said Horace L. Carlton as County Treasurer of said county.

It is Therefore Resolved, By the

Board of County Commissioners, the premises considered, and it is the desire and sense of this board that the said Horace L. Carlton be duly appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida to the office of County Treasurer in and for DeSoto County Florida, and upon giving the bond required by law that he be duly commissioned by the Governor to act as and hold the office of County Treasurer in and for DeSoto County, Florida, until the next general election, and until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

It was moved and carried the fire-arms permit of L. T. Alford is and the same is hereby revoked.

The clerk is hereby ordered to continue advertisement for the sale of bonds for the Special Road and Bridge District No. 5.

The clerk is hereby instructed to advertise for bids for the sale of \$210,000.00 Special Road and Bridge District No. 1 bonds on March 2nd, 1915, at 2 p. m. Bonds are twenty and thirty year with option to retire one-twentieth or one-thirtieth each year.

Upon motion duly made and carried the clerk of the circuit court is hereby ordered to re-index the books of the deed records of DeSoto county, as shown in index books numbers one and two, at six cents per double entry.

It was moved and carried that the gates placed across the Charlotte Harbor, Harbor View and Arcadia public road, and known as the River road, be and the same are hereby ordered removed.

The committee ordered to examine into the surety bonds of the county officers reported to this board that all bonds are found to be good and sufficient bonds.

The board passed the following resolution:

There being no further business before the board, the board adjourned to convene on Tuesday, the 19th day of January, 1915.

JURY LIST, 1915.

Butler, J. W.
Bryan, C. L.
Brown, J. H.
Coker, John.
Carlton, J. S., Sr.
Durranee, S. F.
Gardner, M. A.
Griffin, G. G.
Hurst, J. R.
Hall, J. K.
Haugh, F. M.
Lowe, G. W.
Lanier, H. A.
Lowe, W. D.
Maddox, J. H.
Parker, Phil C.
Polk, W. I.
Ritch, M. L.
Russell, W. H.
Smith, Geo. W.
Shackelford, E. L.
Smith, R. R.
Thornhill, E. C.
Wingate, W. J.
Wadsworth, I. F.
Wingate, R. V.
Walker, J. H.
Armstrong, J. H.
Burke, J. J.
Canfield, D. F.
Cay, H. E.
Cutler, Roswell
Conoley, A. E.
Daugherty, W. H.
Gunter, C. L.
Godwin, Geo. D.
Godwin, H. E.
Hall, Charles E.
Hart, Walter
Jewett, E. D.
King, William
Langston, G. M.
Lastinger, J. C.
Roe, Frank C.
Raulerson, Irving
Spink, A. M.
Smith, Geo. F.
Smith, N. T.
Skipper, W. O.
Smith, Fred B.
Seaverns, H.
Skipper, J. W.
West, B. F.
Wernicke, O. P.
Hainz, Ed. L.
Piekard, William
Smith, W. A.
Crews, T. N.
Lanier, W. A.
Parnell, W. H.
Brandon, James I.
Conroy, J. A.
Farwell, R. S.
Gunn, I. S.
Middlebrooke, W. M.
Pearce, A. W.
Weeks, John C.
Cochran, J. B.
Freeman, J. W.
Carthorn, Harvey
Carney, Ed.
McCormick, J. W.
Smith, D. F.
Smart, W. H. G.
Stevenson, G. W.
Scott, Ed.
Seward, W. H.
Smedley, C. S.
Slifer, C. H.
Trice, J. E.
Whidden, Carl
Waters, H. S.
Harker, Simon
Kubrick, J. S. G.
Mitchell, W. B.
— Newsome
Parker, T. E.
Parker, T. O.
Ring, F. W.
Rous, F. C.
Waldron, A. S.
Saxon, R. F., Sr.
McClelland, F. B.
Reynolds, J. A.
Stroud, A. B.
Smith, William
Connell, W. J.
Cravens, C. S.
Carlton, H. S.
Carlton, C. Y.
Budd, W. F.
Boring, C. D.
Craig, J. W.
Daniels, W. E.
Driggers, B. H.
Freeman, A. C.
Green, Andrew
Hooker, W. H.
Hendry, John P.
Hooker, S. P.
Hollingsworth, G. S.
King, R. S.
Rosen, S.
Markett, S. A.

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ARCADIA.

In order that our citizens may know what is being done in our council meetings, from now on I will post the minutes of each meeting.

On January 4, 1915, council met in regular session. Present were Judge Bell, Morqus, Espenlaub, Yelvington and Carlton. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid:

General Fund:—
A. C. Freeman \$ 25.00
P. W. Harward 100.00
J. W. Simmons 60.00
Prince Vickers 35.00
Henry Douglas 35.00
Alex. Ready 40.00
Joe Brown 35.00
York Parrish 40.00
Henry Ware 24.00
H. McL. Martin 12.00
Lawrence Hooker 3.00
Bud Pearce 10.50
W. F. Markett 7.50
Mrs. Ed. Green 25.00
George Leitner 45.60
J. L. Dishong 94.85
J. L. Dishong 3.00
J. D. Adkinson 4.80
Harry Cross 15.00
Arcadia Ice & Electric Co. 181.30
Arcadia Ice & Electric Co. 13.80
I. G. Royal 39.59
C. C. McDermond 2.50
C. C. McDermond 37.50

Total \$916.94

Water Fund:—
Arcadia Ice & Electric Co. \$ 1.50
Arcadia Ice & Electric Co. 135.00
E. T. Smith & Co. 2.30
E. E. Elkins 8.00
C. C. McDermond 10.45
W. F. Markett 75.00

Total \$232.25

Street Fund:—
L. T. Alford \$ 19.40
A. L. Durranee 350.00
George Leitner 9.20
DeSoto County D. No. 4 3,067.20
H. V. B. Turner 2.00
E. T. Smith Co. 4.15
Arcadia Hardware Co. 2.65
S. W. Ball 1.50

Total \$3,456.10

Cemetery Fund:—
C. C. McDermond \$.50
Number of warrants issued and amount:—

General, 25 \$ 916.94
Water, 6 232.25
Street, 8 3,456.10
Cemetery, 150

Total, 40 \$4,605.79

The city officers made their reports as follows:

I. G. Royal, tax collector .. \$ 791.90
P. W. Harward, marshal .. 215.00
W. F. Markett, Supt., .. 21.00
Geo. Leitner, attorney 89.74
Pete McDermond, clerk 241.00

Total collected \$1,358.64

Warrants issued for \$4,605.79

Amount collected 1,358.64

Deficit \$3,247.15

L. A. STROUD, Treasurer.

Total amount subject to check \$622.71

Sinking funds \$9,333.34

Moved and passed that reports be accepted.

The following petition was read and discussed carefully:

Petition.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Arcadia, Florida.

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned members of the W. C. T. U. of Arcadia, would respectfully petition your honorable body to repeal the ordinance enacted by your predecessors in office, which allows the selling of certain articles on Sunday, and in lieu thereof enact an ordinance fixing a penalty for the sale on Sunday of all articles, excepting such as are necessary for the preservation of life and health.

(Signed) Members of the W. C. T. U.

Moved that petition be laid on the table. Motion lost for want of second.

Moved that ordinance which allows the selling of certain articles on Sunday be repealed. The roll was called and the vote stood as follows:

Bell, yes.

Morqus, no.

Espenlaub, no.

Yelvington, no.

Carlton, yes.

Lost.

The following letter was read and discussed:

Arcadia, Fla., Jan. 4, 1915.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen: We would respectfully ask that your body empower the janitor of our city schools with police power that he may have full power as city officer to arrest any party or parties trespassing upon the school grounds or property.

Mr. Marcus Halter is the janitor in charge, and the party upon whom we ask this power to be conferred.

Respectfully,

(Signed) TRUSTEES DE SOTO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, By J. L. Jones, Chairman.

Attest: C. H. Mitchell, Secretary.

Moved and passed that mayor empower the janitor of the city schools with police power.

The following was read and acted upon:

Arcadia, Fla., Jan. 4, 1915.

Honorable City Council, Arcadia, Fla.

Gentlemen: I hereby make application to your honorable body for an increase in my present salary from \$60.00

Norris, Elmer

Nelson, Henry

Coon, G. E.

Albritton, W. C.

Brown, R. O.

Cooper, G. W.

Miller, M. A.

Prescott, Cleveland

Alderman, Willie O.

Carr, Tullie C.

Downing, Henry

Morgan, Nelson

Smith, Wm. S.

Thornton, John W.

Walker, Joseph C.

Fugate, Wm. R.

Keen, James M.

Noland, Geo. F.

to \$75.00 per month, believing that the long hours that I have been compelled to work in the capacity of deputy marshal entitles me to this amount.

I further ask that if your honorable body cannot see the wisdom of the increase asked for above, to hereby accept my resignation.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. W. SIMMONS, D. M.

Moved and passed that Mr. Simmons' resignation be accepted.

Bids for city attorney for the year 1915 were opened and read.

Moved and passed that George Leitner be city attorney for the year of 1915 at a salary of \$25 per month.

Bids for laying a sewer on Hickory street from Hernando to Osceola streets, were opened and discussed.

Moved and passed that bid of E. T. Smith & Company be accepted.

Smith & Co's Bid.

Arcadia, Fla., Jan. 4, 1915.

City of Arcadia, City.

Gentlemen: We will lay a sewer on Hickory from Hernando to Osceola streets under the directions of the city engineer as follows:

Four inch sewer, 30 cents per foot

Six inch sewer, 35 cents per foot.

Eight inch sewer, 46 cents per foot.

Yours truly,

E. T. SMITH HDW-FURN. CO.

The following petition from the Civic League was read and discussed:

Honorable City Council, Arcadia, Fla.

Gentlemen: We, the members of the Civic League, realizing that our city is fast growing and that first impressions are always lasting, we solicit the council to enforce the ordinance in regard to the cows running on the streets, and also, we beg the council have cleaned up the vacant lots back of the Smith and Morgan block, it being decidedly unsightly, and in opposition to the city ordinance. This lot being on the street leading from station to another, and constantly viewed by newcomers to Arcadia, it leaves a decidedly bad impression on the minds of prospective settlers.

(Signed) CIVIC LEAGUE.

January 4th, 1915.

Moved and passed that petition be turned over to the mayor and marshal and that they act accordingly.

Moved and passed that script given Mr. Lockard be paid in cash.

Moved and passed that city attorney be instructed to secure ordinances from other cities relating to building of certain buildings, and submit to council at next meeting.

Moved and passed that council go into executive session.

Moved and passed that the city attorney on behalf of the city council demand of the Arcadia Ice & Electric Company their franchise, and submit to council at next meeting.

Moved and passed that regular session be continued next Monday night January 11th, 1915.

C. C. McDERMOND, Clerk.

MAKE TEST OF BLUE SKY LAW IN TAMPA.